(d) The funding pattern for release of funds to the Special Category States under APDRP has been adopted as per the criteria laid down by NDC.

Claims of Rajasthan in Hydel Projects in Punjab

3112. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority/Central Water Commission has prepared a background paper regarding claims of Rajasthan in Hydel Projects in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) A Committee was constituted in Central Electricity Authority in February, 1999 for preparing a background paper on sharing of power in the hydro-electric power stations of Punjab. The Committee invited of the concerned States in the matter. After analyzing various points raised by the States of Rajasthan, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh in support of their claims and in the absence of the observations of Government of Punjab, the Committee concluded that it would be in the best interest of all the concerned States that the agreement already reached between the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan and Government of India on 10.05.1984 be followed.

Power connection expense

†3113. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to bear the power connection expenses by Government with regard to rural families in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the said proposal; and

(c) the assessment made with regard to total expenditure for the implementation of said proposal?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) electrification of un-electrified Below Poverty Line (BPL) households only would be financed with 100% capital subsidy as per norms of Kutir Jyoti norm in all rural habitations. Households above poverty line would be paying for their connections at prescribed connection charges and no subsidy would be available for this purpose.

(c) Outlay of Rs. 3510 crore has been estimated for giving connections to 2.34 crore BPL families @ Rs. 1500 per BPL household.

Rural electrification

†3114. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the year 2005-06, it was targeted to electrify 10,846 villages and provided electricity to 60 lakh rural families;

(b) if not, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the above said target is likely to be achieved and if so, the details thereof and the number of villages and families that have been provided with electricity between April, 2005 to December, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) A target to electrify 10,000 villages under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana was kept during 2005-06

(c) During the year 2005-06, village Electricity Infrastructure has been created for 9819 villages till 31.03.2006 and 34003 households have availed of electricity connections during 2005-06 according to report received from Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd.

With regard to progress between April, 2005 to December, 2005, REC has reported that Village Electricity Infrastructure was created in 1760 villages and 5446 rural families availed of connections during that period.

Proper utilization of Power

†3115. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA :
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

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